

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
AUGUST 22, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0479
1513 OXFORD AVENUE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1950 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, wing-and-gable plan frame house with synthetic siding; partial-width, shed-roofed independent porch on ornamental metal supports; single 1:1 fenestration.

RESEARCH

The house was built in 1950 by Barney H. and Billie Sue Thames, who lived here until around 1953. Barney Thames had grown up in and around Plainview, Texas, and was a salesman for Paul O. Simms, a local real estate, insurance, and loan broker in Austin. The house was then a rental property until the early 1970s. Tenants included the manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, office workers, and a milk man. The house was purchased by Donald and Deborah Grantham in the early 1970s; they lived here until around 1980. Donald Grantham was an installer for the Telephone Company. The house was then a rental property again; in the early 1980s, the house was rented by noted local musician Marcia Ball.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. The house is a very good example of post-World War II residential construction and appears to maintain a very high degree of integrity. Moreover, it is of a scale that defines many neighborhoods in South Austin, and careful thought as to whether demolition is truly necessary should be entertained by the applicant.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2016-0479
LOCATION: 1513 Oxford Avenue

1" = 134'

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1513 Oxford Avenue
ca. 1950



OCCUPANCY HISTORY 1513 Oxford Avenue

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
August, 2016

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|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1992 | Phillis Jamar, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that Phillis Jamar was a new resident at this address. |
| 1985-86 | William H. Wagner, renter No occupation listed NOTE: The directory indicates that William H. Wagner was a new resident at this address. |
| 1981 | Marcia M. Ball, renter No occupation listed |
| 1977 | Donald D. and Deborah E. Grantham, owners Installer, Telephone Company |
| 1973 | Donald D. and Deborah E. Grantham, renters Installer, Telephone Company |
| 1968 | Thomas D. and Martha Keene, renters |

New business representative, SouthernUnion Gas Company, 422 Congress Avenue.

- 1965 Bob and Peggy Stieler, renters
 Bob: Delivery man, Hillcrest Farms Dairy, Bastrop Highway.
 Peggy: Key punch operator, State Highway Department
- 1962 James W. and Carolyn J. Brooks, renters
 James: Business machine operator, State Treasurer's Office
 Carolyn: Clerk, State Teachers' Retirement System
- 1959 Milton L. and Joyce M. McDonald, renters
 Manager, Singer Sewing Machine Company, 918 Congress Avenue and 2900 Guadalupe Street.
- 1955 Edward S. and Marian Robinson, renters
 Salesman, Covert Auto Company, Buick cars, 416-20 San Antonio Street.
- 1952 Barney H. and Billy S. Thames, owners
 Salesman, Paul O. Simms, real estate, insurance, and loans, 322 W. 6th Street.
- 1949 The address is not listed in the directory.
 NOTE: Barney and Billy S. Thames are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Barney H. and Billie Sue Thames (ca. 1950 – ca. 1953)

Barney H. Thames is listed in the 1940 U.S. Census as the grandson of William H. and Viola Reese of Hale, County, Texas. Barney Thames was born in Texas and had no occupation listed. His grandparents owned their farm in Hale County. The 1930 U.S. Census shows Barney Thames, Jr. as the 9-year old son of Barney and Artie Thames of Plainview, Texas. Barney and Artie Thames owned their home; the elder Barney Thames was a loan and insurance agent.

Billie Sue Thames Nov. 17, 1926 - Aug. 13, 2009

Billie Sue Thames went home to our Lord peacefully on August 13, 2009 at the age of 82. She and her triplet sisters were the youngest of seven daughters born to Minor Cleveland Williams and Claudia Adena Williams. Awaiting her in Heaven are her loving husband, Ret. Col. Barney H. Thames, her eldest son Randle F. Thames, and all of her sisters, Bobbie Lambright (beloved twin sister), Thelma Wendlandt, Bernice Smith Tippit, Dorothy V. Connolly, Betty Jo Lindgren Perry and her infant triplet sister, Emma Williams. She is survived by her daughters, Pamela McCroskery and Barbara Brooks, her son Scott Thames, her grandchildren, Austin and Travis Womble and Sarah, Hannah and Caleb Brooks, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and other family members. Billie will be remembered as an extraordinary military wife that stood behind her husband as they traveled worldwide, a wonderful mother of unconditional love with a sweet heart and words of encouragement. Small in stature but large in her love and compassion for her family and those she held dear. The last 15 years of her life she lived as a stroke victim, with little complaint and lots of courage. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. A visitation will be held Sunday, August 16, 2009, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held on Monday, August 17, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., at Cook-Walden Memorial Hill Cemetery.

Obituary of Billie Sue Thames
 Austin [American-Statesman](#), August 16, 2009

B. H. Thames

1513 Oxford Avenue

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A - -

Barton Heights "B"

Frame residence and garage.

46075 8-28-50

\$6500.00

Edgar H. Lindgren

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Building permit to Barney Thames for the construction of this house (1950). Edgar H. Lindgren is shown as the contractor.

WATER SERVICE PERMIT
Austin, Texas

C No 7375

Received of F. H. LINDGREN Date 9-28-50

Address 1513 OXFORD AVE.

Amount TWENTY & NO/100 20/100

Plumber BASEY Size of Tap 3/4"

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|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Date of Connection | <u>10-6-50</u> |
| Size of Tap Made | <u>3/4"</u> |
| Size Service Made | <u>3/4"</u> |
| Size Main Tapped | <u>2" C.F.</u> |
| From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock | <u>25'</u> |
| From N - Prop. Line to Curb Cock | <u>49'</u> |
| Location of Meter | <u>CURB</u> |
| Type of Box | <u>Local</u> |
| Depth of Main in St. | <u>2.5'</u> |
| Depth of Service Line | <u>2'</u> |
| From Curb Cock to Tap on Main | <u>34'</u> |
| Checked by Engr. Dept. | <u>F 10V 9 1950</u> |

| No. Fittings | Size |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Curb Cock 5/8" |
| 1 | Elbow 3/4" COPPER |
| 1 | Str. Elbow 3/4" COPPER |
| 1 | Bushing 3/4" COPPER |
| 1 | Reducer 2 1/2" x 3/4" COPPER |
| 36 | Pipe 3/4" COPPER |
| | Lead Comp. |
| | Nipples |
| | Union |
| | Plug |
| 1 | Tea Tile |
| 1 | Stop 2" x 1/2" |
| 1 | Box 2" x 1/2" |
| 1 | Lid |
| | Valves |
| | Job No. <u>223502</u> |
| | Per. No. <u>V 7864</u> |

Water service by Edgar Lindgren for this address (1950). Lindgren was the contractor for this house.

Receipt No. 15411

Application for Sewer Connection

No. 26993A

Austin, Texas, 9-28-1950

To the Superintendent of Sanitary Sewer Division, City of Austin, Texas.

Sir:-

I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions on premises owned by
E. N. Lindgren at 1513 Oxford Street,
 further described as Lot # 10 Block 109 Outlot — Division —
 subdivision Block # 10 "E" Plat 109, which is to be used as a residence
 In this place there are to be installed 0 fixtures. Plumbing Permit No. 40699
 I agree to pay the City of Austin, the regular ordinance charge.

Depth at Prop. Line 3' 3' at stub Respectfully, 10-16-50

Stub Out } 3 1/2' S of NCL
 constructed (Location)

Date 10-18-1950

By Seary

VOTE: Connection Instruction 6' sewer in ST 4' 2" dia -
Main 13.5' W of E R
6" Stub 2.5' S. of NCL. 2+01 A-1645

Sewer connection application by Edgar Lindgren, contractor, for this house (1950)